

STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
DEPARTMENT OF TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL

In the Matter of:

M & J Trucking  
8551 Faust Avenue  
West Hills, California 91304

ID No. CAR 000 092 544

Respondent.

Docket HWCA 20050927

CONSENT ORDER

Health and Safety Code  
Section 25187

The State Department of Toxic Substances Control (Department) and M & J Trucking (Respondent) enter into this Consent Order and agree as follows:

1. Respondent transports hazardous waste at 8551 Faust Avenue, West Hills, California (Site).
2. The Department inspected the Site on April 14 of 2005.
3. The Department alleges the following violation:
  - 3.1. Respondent violated Health & Safety Code section 25163 (a) (1), Title 22, California Code of Regulations, section 66263.11(b) in that between June 2004 and May 2005, M & J Trucking transported hazardous waste without a valid Hazardous Waste Transporter Registration.
  - 3.2. Respondent violated Health & Safety Code section 25169 (a), Title 22, California Code of Regulations, section 66263.11(a) (2) in that between January and May 2005, M & J Trucking transported hazardous waste without a proper liability insurance.
4. A dispute exists regarding the alleged violations.
5. The parties wish to avoid the expense of litigation and to ensure prompt compliance.

6. Jurisdiction exists pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 25187.
7. Respondent waives any right to a hearing in this matter.
8. This Consent Order shall constitute full settlement of the violations alleged above, but does not limit the Department from taking appropriate enforcement action concerning other violations.
9. Respondent admits the violations described above.

#### SCHEDULE FOR COMPLIANCE

10. Respondent shall comply with the following:
  - 10.1. Respondent has corrected the violations cited above. Respondent shall operate hereafter in a manner that shall prevent recurrences of the violations cited herein.

10.2. Submittals: All submittals from Respondent pursuant to this Consent Order shall be sent simultaneously to:

Mukul Agarwal, Unit Chief  
Southern California Branch  
Department of Toxic Substances Control  
1011 N. Grandview Avenue  
Glendale, California 91201

10.3. Communications: All approvals and decisions of the Department made regarding such submittals and notifications shall be communicated to Respondent in writing by a Branch Chief, Department of Toxic Substances Control, or his/her designee. No informal advice, guidance, suggestions, or comments by the Department regarding reports, plans, specifications, schedules, or any other writings by Respondent shall be construed to relieve Respondent of its obligation to obtain such formal approvals as may be required.

10.4. Department Review and Approval: If the Department determines that any report, plan, schedule, or other document submitted for approval pursuant to

this Consent Order fails to comply with the Order or fails to protect public health or safety or the environment, the Department may return the document to Respondent with recommended changes and a date by which Respondent must submit to the Department a revised document incorporating the recommended changes.

10.5. Compliance with Applicable Laws: Respondent shall carry out this Order in compliance with all local, State, and federal requirements, including but not limited to requirements to obtain permits and to assure worker safety.

10.6. Endangerment during Implementation: In the event that the Department determines that any circumstances or activity (whether or not pursued in compliance with this Consent Order) are creating an imminent or substantial endangerment to the health or welfare of people on the site or in the surrounding area or to the environment, the Department may order Respondent to stop further implementation for such period of time as needed to abate the endangerment. Any deadline in this Consent Order directly affected by a Stop Work Order under this section shall be extended for the term of such Stop Work Order.

10.7. Liability: Nothing in this Consent Order shall constitute or be construed as a satisfaction or release from liability for any conditions or claims arising as a result of past, current, or future operations of Respondent, except as provided in this Consent Order. Notwithstanding compliance with the terms of this Consent Order, Respondent may be required to take further actions as are necessary to protect public health or welfare or the environment.

10.8. Site Access: Access to the Site shall be provided at all reasonable times to employees, contractors, and consultants of the Department, and any agency having jurisdiction. Nothing in this Consent Order is intended to limit in any way the right of entry or inspection that any agency may otherwise have by operation of any law. The Department and its authorized representatives may

enter and move freely about all property at the Site at all reasonable times for purposes including but not limited to: inspecting records, operating logs, and contracts relating to the Site; reviewing the progress of Respondent in carrying out the terms of this Consent Order; and conducting such tests as the Department may deem necessary. Respondent shall permit such persons to inspect and copy all records, documents, and other writings, including all sampling and monitoring data, in any way pertaining to work undertaken pursuant to this Consent Order.

10.9. Sampling, Data, and Document Availability: Respondent shall permit the Department and its authorized representatives to inspect and copy all sampling, testing, monitoring, and other data generated by Respondent or on Respondent's behalf in any way pertaining to work undertaken pursuant to this Consent Order. Respondent shall allow the Department and its authorized representatives to take duplicates of any samples collected by Respondent pursuant to this Consent Order. Respondent shall maintain a central depository of the data, reports, and other documents prepared pursuant to this Consent Order. All such data, reports, and other documents shall be preserved by Respondent for a minimum of six years after the conclusion of all activities under this Consent Order. If the Department requests that some or all of these documents be preserved for a longer period of time, Respondent shall either comply with that request, deliver the documents to the Department, or permit the Department to copy the documents prior to destruction. Respondent shall notify the Department in writing at least six months prior to destroying any documents prepared pursuant to this Consent Order.

10.10. Government Liabilities: The State of California shall not be liable for injuries or damages to persons or property resulting from acts or omissions by Respondent or related parties specified in paragraph 12.3, in carrying out activities pursuant to this Consent Order, nor shall the State of California be held as a party

to any contract entered into by Respondent or its agents in carrying out activities pursuant to this Consent Order.

10.11. Incorporation of Plans and Reports: All plans, schedules, and reports that require Department approval and are submitted by Respondent pursuant to this Consent Order are incorporated in this Consent Order upon approval by the Department.

10.12. Extension Requests: If Respondent is unable to perform any activity or submit any document within the time required under this Consent Order, the Respondent may, prior to expiration of the time, request an extension of time in writing. The extension request shall include a justification for the delay.

10.13. Extension Approvals: If the Department determines that good cause exists for an extension, it will grant the request and specify in writing a new compliance schedule.

### PAYMENTS

11.1. Respondent agrees to pay the Department the sum of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$5,000). Respondent shall make the payment of this sum in three installments, as follows: ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$1,500.00) will be paid on or before November 29, 2005, \$1,500.00 will be paid on or before April 29, 2006, TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS \$2,000.00 will be paid on or before June 29, 2006. Respondent's checks shall be made payable to Department of Toxic Substances Control, and shall be delivered together with the attached Payment Voucher to:

Department of Toxic Substances Control  
Accounting Office  
1001 I Street, 21st floor  
P. O. Box 806  
Sacramento, California 95812-0806

A photocopy of the checks shall be sent:

Mukul Agarwal, Unit Chief  
Southern California Branch  
Department of Toxic Substances Control  
1011 N. Grandview Avenue  
Glendale, California 91201

If Respondent fails to make payments timely as provided above, Respondent further agrees to pay interest thereon at the rate established pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 25360.1. Respondent further agrees to pay all cost and attorney's fees incurred by the Department in pursuing the collection of payment of which becomes delinquent hereunder.

11.2. Respondent agrees to send at least two employees to the California Compliance School, Modules I through IV. Attendance must be completed and respondent must submit a Certificate of Satisfactory Completion for the employee issued by the California Compliance School to DTSC within 185 days of the date of this Order. In recognition of this educational investment, the penalty imposed by this Order has been reduced by \$5,000 if the employee satisfactorily completes the specific modules and DTSC receives the Certificate of Satisfactory Completion within 185 days of the effective date of this Order. If respondent fails to submit the certificate as required, the penalty of \$5,000 is due and payable within 30 days after the 185-day period expires. The 185-day period may be extended by a DTSC Branch Chief upon a written request demonstrating good cause.

#### OTHER PROVISIONS

12.1. Additional Enforcement Actions: By agreeing to this Consent Order, the Department does not waive the right to take further enforcement actions, except to the extent provided in this Consent Order.

12.2. Penalties for Noncompliance: Failure to comply with the terms of this Consent Order may subject Respondent to civil penalties and/or punitive damages

for any costs incurred by the Department or other government agencies as a result of such failure, as provided by Health and Safety Code section 25188 and other applicable provisions of law.

12.3. Parties Bound: This Consent Order shall apply to and be binding upon Respondent and its officers, directors, agents, receivers, trustees, employees, contractors, consultants, successors, and assignees, including but not limited to individuals, partners, and subsidiary and parent corporations, and upon the Department and any successor agency that may have responsibility for and jurisdiction over the subject matter of this Consent Order.

12.4. Effective Date: The effective date of this Consent Order is the date it is signed by the Department.

12.5. Integration: This agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties and may not be amended, supplemented, or modified, except as provided in this agreement.

Dated: December 8, 2005

Original signed by K. Cherie Murray, President  
Signature of Respondent's Representative

K. Cherie Murray, President  
Typed or Print Name and Title of  
Respondent's Representative

Dated: February 16, 2006

Original signed by Mukul Agarwal  
Mukul Agarwal, Unit Chief  
Statewide Compliance Division  
Department of Toxic Substances Control